

Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
October 9, 2002

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced that rehabilitation is being implemented for the areas burned by the Borrego Fire. Los Alamos County has been supporting this effort by providing use of its airport for aerial seeding and hydromulching.

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) reported that thinning of 150 acres in Bayo Canyon will begin next week. The U.S. Forest Service is also cutting trees on lands behind Arizona Avenue.

Jim Whittington (Bandelier National Monument) announced that the Monument will gather fuels data at 20 or more plots in the areas to be thinned along Highway 4. The environmental assessment for the thinning project is currently in the regional office.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) has completed the sampling of 57 fuels and vegetation survey plots in the Los Alamos region. The field data are currently being entered into a computer database. As part of a regional effort to survey the extent of mortality in piñon-juniper woodlands, Randy's field team will begin surveying woodlands in the Los Alamos region.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 23, at TA-21, Building 210 in the Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.